

January 19, 2025

Exodus

- 1-4 Moses—Burning Bush, “Take off your shoes”
- 5-11 Moses—Pharaoh, “Let my people go!”
- 12-13 Moses—First Passover, “When I see the **BLOOD**”
- 1 Luke—Angel Gabriel to Mary—the *Messiah*
- 14-15 Moses—Parting of Red Sea
- 16-19 Moses—Manna from Heaven
- 20 Moses—**Ten Commandments**
- 21-24 Moses—**Covenant Ratification**
- 25-39 Moses—Tabernacle & Rebellion
- 40 Moses—Set up the Tabernacle

LEVITICUS

Exodus 24:9-10

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, &
70 elders of Israel went up &

SAW the GOD of Israel

Under **HIS** feet was something like a
pavement made of lapis lazuli, as
bright **BLUE** as the sky

Lapis Lazuli Rough Raw
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TWO TABLETS
of Covenant Law



Was as though the Israelites
flip-flopped all the time

As though they had TWO
personalities



Outside of CREATION ... Biblically speaking ...

Up to this point at Mt Sinai ...

Is there anything MORE important than the
Giving of the **Law & Commandments**?

How serious this is to God ...

Yet, after today's 2nd part of the

Covenant Law

Yet after 40 Days & 40 Nights on Mt Sinai – Ex 24:18

And after 40 Days of more Law in Ex 25-31 to Moses,
in Ex 32 Israelites build a **Golden Calf**

How utterly rebellious! How selfish!

How utterly ungrateful ... how UNBELIEVING!

How DANGEROUS



After 400 years as slaves in Egypt
you **KNOW** Egyptian culture rubbed off
STILL, appears as the Israelites couldn't help
flip-flopping **ALL** the time

As though they had **TWO**
personalities

This is a **FEARSOME LESSON** ... contrary,
or **NOT** what you're used to seeing in SS

Last week, Quarterly did mention Ex 24:7
on "**Covenant Scroll**" on the **Mosaic Law**

This week, Quarterly passes over **ENTIRE**
Covenant Law – the **Two Tablets**
passes over Israel's Leaders **SAW GOD**



Was as though the Israelites
did NOT want ANY

Education

Israelites were most ungrateful

Was as though the Israelites felt

NO duty – ZERO loyalty

Pink Floyd gave the perfect song

in *Another Brick in the Wall*

We don't need NO education

We don't need NO


Thought Control



**Israel STILL
at the foot of
Mt. Sinai**

**Jebel Musa
Mt. Horeb**
*Horeb often refers to
whole mountain range*





**Desert around
Mount Sinai**

**Rough
Country**

Notice that the **Ten Commandments**

in Exodus 20 are given by GOD to **ALL**

- ✓ End of Ex. 19, God tells Moses to get Aaron bring him up on the mountain ...
- ✓ Then Ex 20 gives the **Ten Commandments**
- ✓ THEN, Israelites do NOT want to HEAR GOD

20:19 "Speak to us yourself and we will listen.
But do not have God speak to us or

we will die

ALL Israel HEARD God give **Ten Commandments**

20:22 Then the Lord said to Moses,

“Tell the Israelites this:

‘You have seen for yourselves that

I have spoken to you from HEAVEN



Exodus 20 closes with instructions to build altars for Burnt & Fellowship Offerings

Then two ODD verses

20:25 If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it.

Then 20:26 ...

20:26 Do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.

Exodus 20 – after **Ten Commandments**

instructions CONTINUE—God tells Moses to tell Israelites to Build altar for Burnt & Fellowship Offerings

i.e., after Ex 20, Ex 21-23, God **CONTINUES** instructing Israelites ***thru Moses***



Exodus 20 that is ... or in other words

- ✓ **Ten Commandments** were given to **ALL** by God's voice from Mt Sinai or Mt. Musa
- ✓ Israelites did NOT like *hearing* God—**AFRAID**
- ✓ Moses approaches, God **CONTINUES** telling Moses the rest of the **Covenant**



✓ Exodus **20:1–17** **Ten Commandments**

✓ **AND** Exodus **20:22** thru end of **23:19** **IS** the **COVENANT LAW**

Ex **20:22–23:19** *minus 20:18-21* **IS** the

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**COVENANT
LAW**

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WE WILL DO.”

- ✓ Moses *writes* down ALL &
- ✓ Moses makes altar at foot of Mt Sinai

Then the most extraordinary words in Exodus or
other than the Creation & the Resurrection
the most extraordinary words in the Bible



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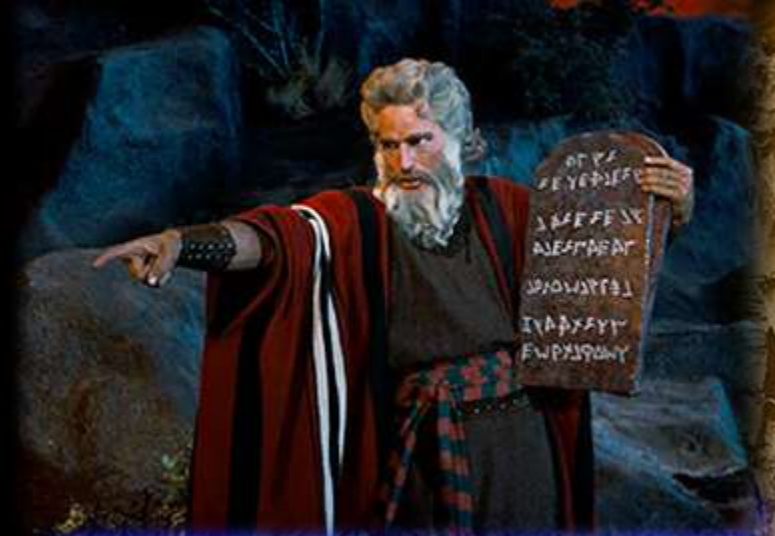
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Exodus 24—reminds us of

Isaiah 6:1 – In the year king Uzziah died
I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up, and
his train filled the temple.

Ezekiel 1:26 – Above the firmament over
their heads ... a throne, as ... sapphire stone:
and upon the likeness of the throne was the
likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

Isaiah & Ezekiel SAW GOD



What's *INSIDE* 2nd part of the Covenant Law: Ex 20:22 – 23:19?

A lot, a very lot of LAWS

Today – we have a LOT of blather over
the posting of the *Cliff Note* version

- ✓ Very CLIPPED version of Ex 20:1–17
- ✓ Two Tablets *minus* majority of **Covenant Law**
- ✓ Even Cecil B. DeMille's version
is grossly short
- ✓ Today's *unfamiliar* to Israelites *then*

In fact, *today*, Protestants, Catholics,
even Eastern Orthodox Christians

nearly completely IGNORE MAJORITY of the



**What's *INSIDE* 2nd part of the
Covenant Law: Ex 20:22 – 23:19?**

20:22-26 No other Gods, Build Altar

21:1-11 Slave Laws

21:12-17 Murder Laws

21:18-32 Injuries to Body Laws

21:33 – 22:15 Property Damage Laws

22:16-31 Social Laws

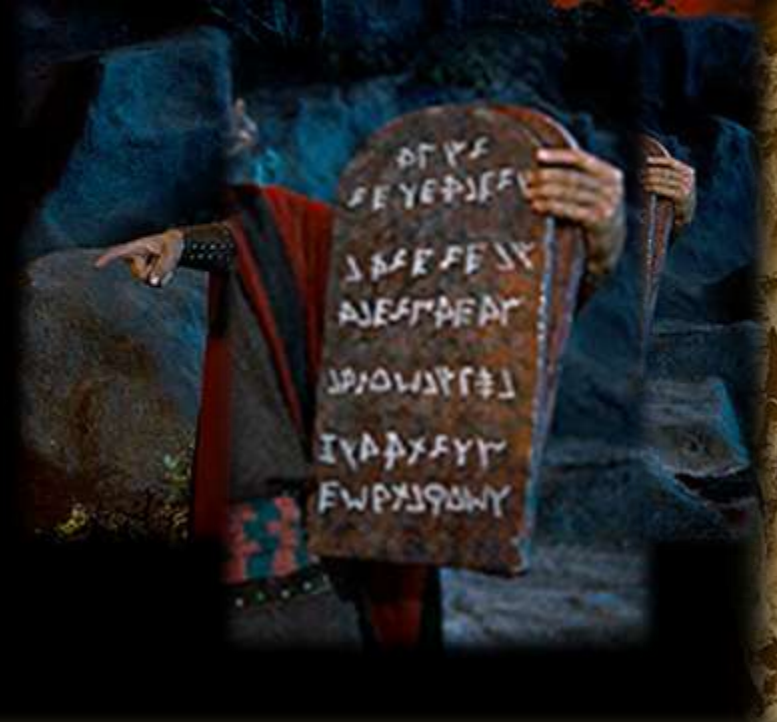
23:1-9 Justice & Neighbor Laws

23:10-19 Sacred Season Laws

Exodus 23 closes with encouragement

23:20-33 *HOW* God will Send Angel & Prosper Israel

READ a Portion of Laws in Ex 21–23



**COVENANT
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Ex 24—after Ten Commandments

AND after Ex 21–23, Book of Covenant

24:7 Moses read book & Israel said they'd OBEY

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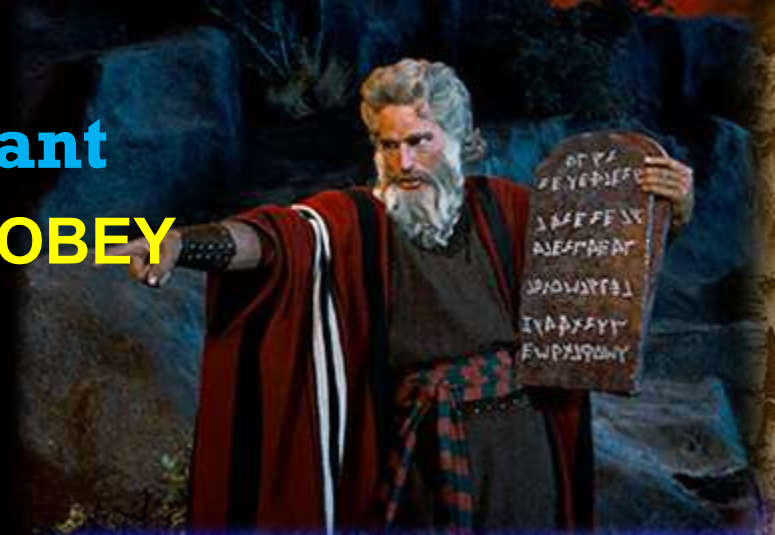
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To Moses

Two Tablets containing

COVENANT
LAW

Law & Commandments

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Moses had just written Ex 20-23 down

God wrote ALL or SOME of 4 chapters into **Stone**

Perhaps a lag in time from when Moses, 3 & 70 went up the Mt Sinai

24:13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and
Moses went up on the mountain of God.

24:14 He [Moses] said to elders, “Wait here for us until we come back
... Aaron & Hur are with you ... for any dispute



Exodus 24:12

Law & Commandments

written by God on Two Tablets

LAW – 2x 24:12 & 2 Kings 17:37

2 Kings 17 Because of doing evil
Assyria takes Samaria

Assyria King sent an Israeli priest back to Samaria

Yet remnant left **STILL** worshiped other gods with YHWH

2 Kings 17:37 You must ... keep decrees & regulations,
the **Laws & Commands** he wrote for you.

Yet 2 Kings closes that Israelites *continued* worshiping **BOTH**



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217x root “**Torah**” uses, 34 variants, 45x in one variant
as in “**Law**” on forehead & “book of **Law**”

ROOT “**Torah**” means “to throw, to direct”

Commandments – 3x 24:12, 2 Kings 17:37, 2 Chron 14:4

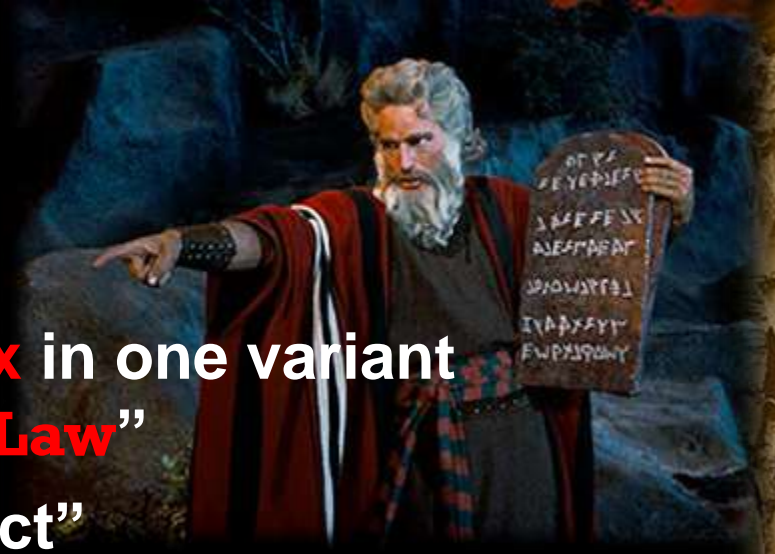
all 3 with “**Law**” ... 181x uses, 33 root variants

ROOT “**Mitswah**” *International Bible Encyclopedia* said **Mitswah**

“Charge laid upon men as the expression of God's will,
and therefore that it must be obeyed.”

That is: 400x for “**Law**” & “**Commandments**”

other terms like statutes, instructions, degrees



Exodus 24 – after leaders **Saw God**

24:25 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

16 glory of the Lord settled on Mt Sinai.

For 6 days the cloud covered the mountain, & on the 7th day the

Lord called to Moses from within the cloud.

17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain.

He stayed on the mountain 40 Days & 40 Nights.

What does God say to Moses? – See Ex 25–31



24:18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain.
... **40 Days & 40 Nights.**

God to Moses – Ex 25–31 on **Tabernacle**

Exodus 32, Israel makes Golden Calf,
Moses asked God for a pardon

32:15 Moses ... went down ... with the **TWO TABLES**
of the Covenant Law in his hands.

They were inscribed on both sides, front & back.

32:16 The tablets were the work of God;
the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

What did God write on Two Tablets? **Laws & Commands!**

Yet Exodus 25-31 is LOT more on Tabernacle



While I don't want to complicate ... yet

Up to this point at least, the **Two Tablets**
Could have **Ex 20–23 Ten Commandments**

AND rest of **Covenant Law**

Then we have Ex 25–31 *followed by what?*

God-written Two Tablets

very much **CAN APPEAR** that

God wrote ALL on **Two Tablets**

i.e., ALL of **Ex. 20–23 4 Chapters** or **20–23 w 25–31 = 11 Chapters**

Moses was up there for 40 Nights ...

no issue for God who created in 7 Days

UP TO HERE – “**Ten Commandments**” in Ex 34:28, Deut 4:13, 10:4

where **Ten** are Exodus 20:1-17 & Deuteronomy 5:6-21

*though between Ex & Deut, the Sabbath & Covet are **different***



TWO TABLETS

While it **CAN** appear that God wrote ALL
on **Two Tablets** – Ex. 20–23 & 25–31 = 11 Chapters
Ten on **Tablets** was Ex 20:1-17 / Deut 5:5-21
i.e., some version of Ex & Deut lists

Point is we do **NOT** know for sure

WHAT was on the **Two Tablets**

Book of Covenant in Ex 24 **IS** clearly **TWO TABLETS**

Up to here, a least the 4 chapters of Ex. 20-23
clearly the **Laws & Commands!**

Most of which **NO ONE** Follows TODAY!

as clear—what's posted on walls today is NOT the **Two Tablets**
of **Cliff Notes Version**

If you FOLLOW the Bible



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Exodus 32:19 - Moses smashes the Two Tablets

POINT—*written by God on front & back with Ex. 20:1-17*



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Exodus 24:10 ...

Israel's leaders **SAW GOD**

אלהי *Elohi* – same root *Elohim*
in Gen 1:1, “God created ...”

398x – 46 variants for **2,598x**

Then Israel's Leaders 
Ate & Drank ...

Israel's Leaders

SAW GOD

